

MDPB Meeting  
February 16, 2005

Members In Attendance: Alfred Riel, Kevin Kendall, Paul Liebow, Jay Bradshaw, David Ettinger, Eliot Smith, Beth Collamore, Steve Diaz

Guests: David Stuchiner, Lori Metayer, David White, Joe Lahood, Dan Palladino, Rick Petrie, Joanne LeBrun, Paul Marcolini, Peter Goth, Dan Batsie, Bill Zito, Kim McGraw (mdgawk@cmhc.org), Rob Tarbox, Julie Ontengco, Jeff Regis, Tom Judge, Sandy Benton (sbenton@emh.org), Norm Dinerman

- I. Minutes: Approved with motion by Kendall, second by Smith—unanimous approval
- II. Legislative update: Tom Judge presented info on LD 196 which would bring reimbursement for ambulance charges by Maine Care into line with the Medicare payment none; Budget update: Budget hearing and work sessions in process; EM Star: having difficulty finding chairs who would be objective individuals; MEMS: Electronic run reporting out again for RFP because a new platform could be used which would save money—plan to have the vendor solidified soon
- III. Protocols: a few different issues—(1) the April 1, 2005 live date is a little too soon; after discussion, settled on May 23, 2005 as live date and this will be a drop dead date for medications (as opposed to window period for airway program); Batsie and Petrie have shared a medication program which they have generated and this is available to all instructors—if substantial changes are made and thus strengthens the program, Batsie will be the keeper of the most updated document; the motion for the 5/23/05 date was put forth by Liebow and second by Kendall with all in favor except Riel; the interim protocols which are in effect from April 1, 2005 to May 22, 2005 are the current protocols and Bradshaw will circulate letter to that effect; (2) letter to the chief pharmacists in all the hospitals in Maine will be forwarded regarding our protocol changes and will be signed by Dan Lambert, Jay Bradshaw and Steve Diaz—Bradshaw will generate and send; (3) Discussion of the benzodiazepines lorazepam and midazolam, and clarification that midazolam is mandatory with lorazepam as optional—this is operationally much cleaner and will avoid potential errors—motion by Liebow and second by Kendall with unanimous approval that this is the appropriate way to phrase our intention of the use of benzodiazepines; (4) Marcolini summarized the airway program roll out as a joint Education, MDPB and MDPB designees as the core group with IC's able to teach in this program to the level to which they are licensed as per previous discussion; looking to a date to involve the MDPB members and education committee members and regional coordinators will forward designee suggestion list to Marcolini who will then forward to Diaz to formalize the list; No MDPB or other usual third Wednesday meeting in March—two half day airway programs with all MDPB members in the

morning and Diaz and Ettinger thus far able to also participate in the afternoon.

- IV. PIFT: please see attached; this final document was discussed and finalized at this meeting; additions and deletions included discussion centered around A-lines, patient stability, prospective patient selection, and quality assurance; reiterated both at the beginning and during the discussion that this is a program designed for a single paramedic in attendance of a stable patient; with the changes as noted, motion by Kendall and second by McKelway and unanimous approval to send this to Education for their program development—Diaz will discuss with Marcolini. Finally, this PIFT program replaces all previous programs and all providers who wish to provide PIFT must complete this program.
- V. OLMC/medical director competency: we ran out of time to peruse the document that had been forwarded—ask all to peruse and we will spend an hour in April 2005 discussing this issue.

NEXT MEETING IS APRIL 20, 2005—MARCH 16, 2005 MEETING DAY IS THE AIRWAY PROGRAM DAY